ighted, 1907, by C. H. Sutcliffe.

Landon eyed the crumpled scrawl characters were faintly penciled, broken here and there as if the writer's strength had failed; "If you want news of Jack Henderson it will be worth your while to follow the bearer of this without delay."

"Who sent this?" he said to the grimy faced gamin.

"Dunno. He blew in 'tween two days, an' the ole woman tuk him in. She 'lows he'll croak 'fore night."

Landon hesitated, but the memory of Judith's face on the day of Jack Henderson's flight urged him on. He followed the boy through the back streets to the tumbledown row of tenements down by the river known to the police as "Carter's Rents," along a black passage and across the court to a room at the back of the saloon, where the light, filtering through the unwashed panes of a small window, accentuated the poverty and filth. On the heap of rags in the corner a man stirred and moaned. Landon recognized him as one of the wrecks that had haunted the river front during the past sum-

"Here, take this and get some brandy-the best," and, thrusting a coin in the child's hand, he pushed him out and closed the door.

"So you have come to the end of your row, Red?"

The man on the floor opened his eyes. "Yes; I'm where the best and the worst of us have to come, but we haven't time to be passing compliments. Do you know where Henderson is?"

"No. He has dropped out completely. What do you know of him?" "What I brought you here to tell you-that he never stole that money."

"I tell you the boy had nothing to do with it. Locke knew a thing or two about me-knew that I had escaped from Sing Sing-and he forced me to do his dirty work. I could not refuse. It was that or prison, but I'll swear I didn't know that the boy would get the blame for it. Locke wrecked the bank and had me doctor the books, making the entries in another man's writing. He gave me an old letter to copy it from; then he had me forge old Dalton's name to that check. I never did figure out just how he managed to lay it on the boy, but I reckon my false entries must have been in his writing, and when the young fool ran away that fastened it on him. Locke kicked me out like a dog when he go things fixed to suit him. I drifted south for a couple of months and came back like this. I didn't know my time was so short or I'd have sent for you

Landon's pen flew over the paper. Black, ugly and tangible, the temptation whispered at his ear:

before. Write it out and let me sign

"Delay, gain time. Henderson free to come back, and Judith is lost to you." The man on the floor mouned feebly. "Hurry, Mr. Landon. It's getting dark -mighty dark. Get Mother Biddle and Jimmy Sullivan from the saloon for witnesses. Where's that boy with the brandy? There he is now!" And he snatched eagerly at the bottle. "Get it done with, Mr. Landon. I cannot hold out much longer.

It was over, and Red Matthews lay back, panting from the exertion.

"I almost forgot," he said to Landon "when I was over in St. Louis I met Den Battle. He told me about Henderson's trouble, the first I'd heard of it, and he said that a fellow from Laramie had told him about meeting Henderson in Santa Fe. He got on to his name by accident and didn't know that Don knew Henderson when he was telling it, so I reckon you will have to go to the jumping off place to find the boy. You will find him and set this straight, Mr. Landon?"

The glazing eyes sought for the face above him, and Landon answered, "Yes, Red, I'll find him."

He watched her come slowly down the stairs, the light of the great window behind her framing the little head heart's lady-his no more! With blind resentment choking the words in his throat he blundered through the story of Red Matthews' confession, and then he found himself wondering at the self possession with which she discussed the ways and means of dealing with Peter Locke.

"Poor little Lilias! What a miserable tangle!" said Judith as they walked to the gate.

"Lilias?" He had forgotten Locke's daughter, the pretty little girl who had been Judith's shadow since Jack Henderson's flight. The position had reversed itself. It was Judith who would play consoler now.

Landon lost no time in placing the confession with the proper authorities. He swore out the warrant against Peter Locke, interviewed reporters and then, with Judith's letter in his pocket,

started westward on his quest. The limited paused just long enough to drop Landon at Umiltas, the straggling settlement strung along the track, half shanties, half tepees.

"Hotel?" The station agent grinned and pointed to a house whose crazy clapboards

rattled in the desert wind.

but you want to keep your gun

And he strode off down the track. The knot of Mexicans and half breeds made way for Landon. Kate stood in ruptcy, temporary at least. the doorway, leering a drunken welcome from under the man's hat slouch-

ed over her frowsy head. "Grub's a-plenty, an' Texas Charlie's hit the trail, leavin' his bunk behind," and upon that assurance Landon followed her to a cubbyhole back of the cards upon the tables, the clink of glasses, and then a few minor chords were struck, and a mellow baritone rolled forth in a border song of starry nights and women's faces. Landon sprang to his feet. He knew that voice, and he pushed the door open.

"Henderson?"

"No, you don't, Jack. I have not come all this distance to lose you

Not a man stirred to interfere. The scene was too common in Umiltas, and Landon and his quarry passed out to the shelter of a clump of mesquite.

Then the boy faced him. "See here, David Landon, if you have come here thinking to take me back I tell you now I won't go. I've reached my limit in singing for bread in this hell hole, and I'll never go home

Landon's gray eyes bored their steady, sane insistence into the desperate brown ones.

"Shut up, Jack. You will go back with me tomorrow. I came here to Red Matthews, the forger, died last did he yield .- Philadelphia Press. week. He made a clean breast of it, and we know-all Trenton knows-that you had nothing to do with wrecking the bank. Locke will die hard, but we have him cornered, and he has to take his medicine. Let go, boy. You are throttling me!"

Henderson's hands dropped, but he poured out a storm of questions.

"He confessed! Landon, he told me that Lilias did it-Lilias; that he had forced her to forge Dalton's name to that check in order to gain time with the New York people; that the truth must come out and she be tried for forgery unless I would take the blame upon myself to shield her, and my flight was the only thing that could save her. I never knew of those false entries on the books until I saw it in the papers-that was a forgery too. But what's the use of all this? You know all about it."

"Lilias!" Landon caught the tone in Monday in October. which Henderson uttered the name. Other Officers-N. Moxley, Surveyor The rest was meaningless babble. And Judith had sent him to bring her lover

Henderson was still pouring out his questions as Jack thrust the letter in the boy's hand. "Never mind all that. The girl had nothing to do with it. Red Matthews did the forgery, and Locke sent him out of town before he found out that you were accused of it. Here is Judith's letter." And he turned his back, every nerve a-quiver with the blind rage that possessed him.

"Here's one for you." And Henderson held out the sheet of paper.

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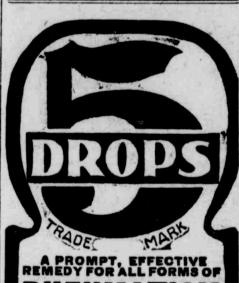
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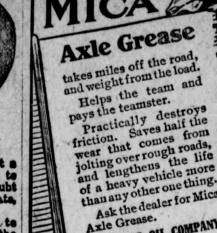
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